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NSA Members At Nassau Surprised

PRINCETON — Students at Princeton University connected with the National Student Association have expressed unanimous surprise that their organization has been subsidized from the Central Intelligence Agency.

Frank C. Strasburger, a senior who attended the NSA Conference at the University of Illinois last summer, said yesterday, "It surprises me that a group with the ideals which the NSA professes would enter any such secret deal."

He said he knew, however, the NSA needed money in the early 1950's "and if one president of the organization made a mistake in 1952, the following residents would have trouble getting out of it."

Spying Unlikely

"I have no idea if NSA students were involved in espionage activities, but I doubt I do think that Princeton could do nothing at the moment."

"Any action taken now would be premature," Strasburger explained. "After all, the NSA is no longer involved with the CIA. Anything we do now would only cloud the reputation of the NSA more than it perhaps serves."

"Obviously the whole

organization is jeopardized at this point," he continued. "I think that the NSA should stress its educational aspects further, and slack off on the political elements of a separation."

Larry Lucchino, a senior who also attended the conference in Illinois last August, said, "We heard a budget report out there, but it did not make any mention of CIA funds, and it balanced all right."

Situation Embarrassing

The former NSA coordinator at Princeton, junior Robert T. Burdsall, commented, "it is an embarrassing situation, although there could be either a positive or a negative side to the deal."

"Negatively," he explained, "the NSA might have accepted the money with strings attached, that is, to gather information abroad. Positively, the NSA might be seen as a

neutral group accepting funds wherever they could get them.

Burdsall said "The covert relationship has to be viewed negatively, but can be justified if that was the only way to get the money."

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